THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I am not aware of the number of deaths that took place there. I have already informed the House what the Doctor who went from Kavarthi to the Agathi Islands reported."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Sir, since these islands are altogether helpless in the matter of medical aid, would the Hon. Minister make a visit to the Island with a team of doctors and settle them there and return himself? " (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, I have already said that five doctors have been sent to the island by a specially chartered naval ship got from the Government of India."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, are there any dispensaries in the islands without doctors? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, there are doctors and dispensaries also."

SRI K. PARTHASARATHY :—" What is the population of the islands which are good many in number, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I have no information. I must look into the census report."

Absorption of the Prohibition staff in the Police Department.

* 568 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Prohibition Inspectors and Deputy Superintendents in the City of Madras;

(*b*) whether they will be absorbed in the Police or any other department; and

(*c*) if they are absorbed in the Police Department whether they will be sent for training to the Police Training College, Vellore?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) The number of Inspectors of Excise and Prohibition employed in Madras City is six. There are no Deputy Superintendents in the Excise and Prohibition Department.

" (*b*) & (*c*) These questions are at present under the consideration of the Government."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" *ஏற்கனவே வேலூர் போலீஸ் டிரெயினிங் காலேஜிலிருந்து எத்தனை புரொகிபிஷன் இன்ஸ்பெக்டர்கள் பயிற்சி பெற்று இருக்கிறார்கள் என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.*"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The question is under the consideration of the Government, Sir."